

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**  
**(Adopted 3/14/05)**

**BUDGET WORKSESSION & CLOSED SESSION**  
**OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**Thursday, May 20, 2004**

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Closed Session 5/17/04 - Moved by Seamens; seconded by Barry. The Council voted unanimously to convene in Closed Session at 11:11 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room 1) discuss potential litigation, 2) discuss a personnel matter, and 3) obtain legal advice. (VOTING FOR: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Elrich, Mizeur, Seamens, Williams). OFFICIALS PRESENT DURING SESSION: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Elrich, Mizeur, Seamens, Williams. (1) The Council was briefed on the status of the Arredondo lawsuit. No action was taken (STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Silber, Finn, Waters). (2) The Council discussed a personnel matter relating to City Manager Rick Finn and agreed on a course of action (STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: None). (3) The Council obtained legal advice concerning potential litigation and discussed the next steps as related to the community center construction (STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Silber, Finn, Waters). (Authority: Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(7) and 10-508(a)(1)(ii)).

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**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mayor Porter  
Councilmember Barry  
Councilmember Seamens  
Councilmember Williams

City Manager Finn  
Public Works Director Lott  
Public Works Deputy Director Braithwaite

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert Lanza spoke to ask for clarification on various community center funding items and pending change orders. He also asked Council what would be the public process for discussion of the borrowing for street repairs.

Jane Lawrence commented about her concerns with the quality of legal services provided to the City. She also requested that estimated actual expenditures be included with the budget proposal.

**BUDGET WORKSESSION**

**1. Public Works (Including Proposed Borrowing for Street Repairs) and General Government**

The Council was briefed on portions of the City Manager's proposed FY05 budget, including

Public Works, the Street Maintenance Program, the Capital Improvement Program, the Equipment Replacement Reserve, Emergency Reserve, General Government, Legislative, General Management, Finance/City Clerk, Legal Services, Information Systems, and Human Resources.

During the Public Works presentation, Staff (Mr. Finn, Mr. Lott, and Ms. Braithwaite) provided information on proposed borrowing for street renovation. Mr. Lott explained that the City's current contractor, VMP Construction, agreed to extend the prices under the current contract to the completion of the project. Mr. Lott also provided information on paying cost for other local jurisdictions. Ms. Braithwaite had prepared two scenarios for borrowing to accelerate the street renovations. Scenario 1 involved borrowing \$2.9 million; Scenario 2 involved borrowing 2,004,999.

### **ADJOURNMENT / CLOSED SESSION**

The Council adjourned at 10:34 p.m. and immediately convened in Closed Session. Following the Closed Session, Council adjourned for the evening.

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Closed Session 5/20/04 - Moved by Elrich; seconded by Seamens. The Council voted unanimously to convene in Closed Session at 10:34 p.m. in the Municipal Building Conference Room to discuss personnel matters regarding the hiring of a new City Manager.(VOTING FOR: Porter, Barry, Elrich, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Austin-Lane, Mizeur). OFFICIALS PRESENT DURING SESSION: Porter, Barry, Elrich, Seamens, Williams; ABSENT: Austin-Lane, Mizeur. (1) The Council was briefed on an applicant for the City Manager position. No action was taken. (STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Director Lott), pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(1)(i); (2) The Council discussed an employment offer for the new City Manager and decided on the general terms of the employment offer. The search consultant was instructed to proceed with the process. (STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Mercer (by telephone)), pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section 10-508(a)(1)(i).

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